



Medical Equipment Loan Program at PILS
Loaned out, Delivered, Picked up all FREE of charge

How it started

- November 2013 it began with:
 - Newspaper article explaining the fundraiser
 - Held fundraiser to get money to pay for parts
 - Raised \$186.00
- Next day started to receive donations of medical equipment
- In July 2014 United Way of Western Nebraska gave grant of \$4250.00 for the program

Where we are now March 2015

- Medical equipment inventory has grown from 5 to 218 pieces
- Types of medical equipment:
 - Canes
 - Crutches
 - Walkers: no wheels, front wheeled, rollabouts
 - Wheelchairs: manual, power chairs, power scooters

Equipment continued

- Bathroom: toilet seat risers, tub transfer benches,
 - shower stools/benches, commodes
- Oxygen: bottles with carts, concentrators, c-pap machines
- Hoyer lifts
- Lift chairs
- Hospital beds
- and more



Results from July 2014 to Feb 2015

- Area covered 11 counties in Nebraska Panhandle
 - Lincoln and Falls City, NE
 - One county in Wyoming
 - Essex England
 - Roanoke Virginia
- 141 Individuals served with 193 pieces of equipment
- Cost of parts \$2400.00
- Miles traveled 4000 plus
- Labor costs paid \$1600.00
- Labor costs not paid \$8000.00 plus

Partnerships

- Each of the six county hospitals located in the Panhandle
- Many of the social agencies that provide services
- Local banks and merchants
- United Way of Western Nebraska
- Every citizen in the Panhandle
- Aging and Assistive Technology offices through out the state

Benefits

- **PEOPLE'S HOPES and LIVES RESTORED!!**
- Medical equipment not put in landfills.
- Estimated savings to the taxpayers is over \$200,000 in the Panhandle alone.
- We have refurbished over 20 power chairs or scooters that sell anywhere from \$3600.00 to \$15000.00. 8 hospital beds that sell for over \$1000.00 each.
- The list goes on and on.
- **REUSE SHOULD BE A REQUIREMENT NOT AN OPTION**